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FURTHER INQUIRY REVEALS DON BORWN PERSONALLY KNOWN TO BPAO KUMASI, WHO CONFIRMS THAT BROWN HAS GHANAIAAN WIFE AND SEVERAL SMALL CHILDREN RESIDENT THERE. WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE ANY CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IN GHANA, BUT BROWN CHARACTERIZED AS WIDELY-KNOWN IN KUMASI AS FREE-WHEELING, SELF-STYLED ENTREPRENEUR; NOT NOTABLY SUCCESSFUL IN PROMOTION SMALL-SCALE LAND SPECULATION DEALS, CATFISH FARMING, PETTY BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS WHICH FREQUENTLY DISSOLVE INTO COMPLICATIONS. BROWN CLAIMS "CONNECTIONS" IN KUMASI (ALSO CLAIMS TO BE NKRUMAH'S SON), BUT NO INDICATION HE HAS ANY THOUGH MANY SUBSTANTIAL PERSONS THERE KNOW OF HIM. BPAO REPORTS BROWN FREQUENTLY DRUNK, SEEMS UNSTABLE AND ERRATIC IN BEHAVIOR, GENERALLY UNSAVORY CHARACTER. ON ONE OCCASION, BPAO ENCOUNTERED BROWN DRUNK AND WAVING UNLOADED GUN IN SEARCH OF THIRD PARTY WHO HAD DEFRAUDED HIM IN WHAT SOUNDS LIKE IRREGULAR SALE OF AN AUTOMOBILE.

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